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male criminal comes out as trans woman

Understanding the Transgender Community | Human Rights Campaign
https://www.hrc.org/resources/understanding-the-transgender-community
Transgender people **come** from all walks of life. ... Some **transgender** people identify as **male** or **female**, and some identify as ... For more information on questions you may have about **transgender** people, check **out** our **Transgender** FAQ. ... or survival sex work, which can put people at increased risk for violence and **arrest**.

The truth about trans - Stonewall
https://www.stonewall.org.uk/truth-about-trans
So, could a lesbian have a **trans woman** as a lesbian partner, or a gay **man** be ... That would mean about 600,000 trans and non-binary people in Britain, **out** of a ... It's not something that's a fad, a 'lifestyle choice' or something that **comes** and **goes**. ... Two in five trans people have had a hate **crime** committed against them in ...

Detroit pastor charged with transgender woman's murder - NBC News
https://www.nbcnews.com/...out/detroit-pastor-charged-transgender-woman-s-murder-...
Dec 12, 2018 - Kelly Stough, a 36-year-old **transgender woman** from Detroit, was .... and transgender people make **up** more than 16 percent of all hate **crime** ...

Do trans women 'retain male pattern violence'? – Cursed E – Medium
https://medium.com/.../do-trans-women-retain-male-pattern-violence-df67954373fd
Jan 9, 2018 - It **comes** from a Swedish study which looked at a cohort of **trans** people across ... By contrast, **female**-to-**males** had higher **crime** rates than **female** controls ... for **TransAdvocate** where she clears this misinformation right on **up**.

'It is very uncomfortable': Transgender woman wants out of Harnett ...
https://www.wral.com/-it-is-very...transgender-woman-wants-out...male.../18220310/
Feb 26, 2019 - After multiple surgeries, **transgender** inmate wants **out** of **male** prison ... has remorse for her **crimes** and wants to **come out** of prison a better ...

Getting Real: Transgender Attorneys Talk About Coming Out in the ...
https://www.mcca.com › Articles
If he were to **come out** as an openly **transgender man** on the job again, ... from **male** to **female** five years ago, Mia F. Yamamoto, a private practice **criminal** ...

Doubly Victimized: Reporting on Transgender Victims of Crime | GLAAD
https://www.glaad.org/publications/transgendervictimsofcrime
A person assigned **male** at birth but who lives as a woman is a **transgender woman**. .... Incorrect: "It looks like Smith was **coming out** of a local bar when he was ...

Transgender People and the Law | American Civil Liberties Union
https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/transgender-people-and-law
Do laws banning sexual orientation discrimination protect **transgender** people? ..... Are there laws that prohibit hate or bias **crimes** against **transgender** people?

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Next

You may try searching these words yourself. You may try other searches on the topic of Transgenderism, and find similar results. As shown in this image, Google only provides sources which have a postive narrative that affirms the Gender Identity of the subject.

What Google won't tell you: there have been many cases of male criminals coming out as trans while in prison, and seeking placement in women's prisons. It's not that male criminals are not being transferred to women's prisons. They are. This issue is almost entirely absent from online media reporting, and especially absent from the news sources that Google returns first.

Before it was banned, r/GenderCritical users often shared stories like these. Many of the names on the following pages were compiled from r/GenderCritical and other gender critical sources.

Male Criminals Currently Being Housed or Seeking Placement in Women's Prison

Every name on this list represents a male criminal currently being housed or seeking placement in women's prison. To my knowledge, this is the most complete and accurate list of its kind which currently exists. This list does not include TIM criminals seeking sex-reassignment surgery or other accommodations in prison, unless they are also seeking re-placement. Nor does it include TIMs who have been released from prison, even if they were housed in a women's facility while incarcerated.

I've listed the results by defendant's given name, headline, and online source.

These names are compiled from r/GenderCritical (now banned by Reddit.)

Matthew Harks
Convicted Pedophile Back in Custody After Federal Government Revokes Supervision Order (https://globalnews.ca/news/5111924/madilyn-harks-pedophile-custody-federal-government/)

Jean Paul Aubee
Transgender Inmate Wins Transfer to Women's Prison
(https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/fallon-aubee-transgender-inmate-1.4215594)

Hayden Patterson (It is unclear if this the defendant's given name.)
Trans Woman Objects to Contract Requiring Her to Act Female to Stay in B.C. Women's Prison
(https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2019/04/26/trans-woman-objects-to-contract-requiring-her-to-act-female-to-stay-in-bc-womens-prison.html)

Curtis Gordon Dawkins
Judge Grants Killer Enhanced Credit for Time Served as Transgender Women in All-Male

Toronto Jail
(https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2018/11/06/judge-grants-convicted-killer-credit-for-time-served-as-transgender-women-in-all-male-toronto-jail.html)

Defendant not named
Transgender Prisoner Investigated for Sexual Assault Behind Bars
(https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/crime/112432880/transgender-prisoner-investigated-for-sexual-assault-behind-bars)

Zayre-Brown (First name is not given.)
Activists Call on NC Gov. Roy Cooper to Transfer Kanautica Zayre-Brown to a Women's Detention Facility
(https://www.theroot.com/activists-call-on-nc-gov-roy-cooper-to-transfer-kanaut-1833713073?utm_medium=sharefromsite&utm_source=theroot_copy&utm_campaign=bottom&/setsession)

Deon Hampton
Transgender Woman Moves to Women's Prison
(https://week.com/news/2018/12/28/transgender-woman-moves-to-womens-prison/)

Andre Patterson
Transgender Pontiac Inmate Wants Transfer to Women's Prison
(https://hoiabc.com/news/top-stories/2019/02/26/transgender-pontiac-inmate-wants-transfer-to-womens-prison/)
An earlier article on Andre Patterson details his charges:
17-Year-Old Inmate Charged With Murder After Argument
(https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-xpm-2006-12-07-0612070365-story.html)

The ACLU has filed a lawsuit on the behalf of him and of five other men in this list for placement in women's prisons. He is named "Janiah Monroe" in the ACLU's lawsuit.
(https://www.aclu.org/cases/monroe-v-rauner)

Diego Melendez
Charged with murder and aggravated battery with a firearm:
(https://www.idoc.state.il.us/subsections/search/inms_print.asp?idoc=M28932)
The ACLU has filed a lawsuit on his behalf.

Gregory Stamps
Charged with aggravated domestic battery and attempted murder:
(https://www.idoc.state.il.us/subsections/search/inms_print.asp?idoc=M41858)
The ACLU has filed a lawsuit on his behalf.

Eric D Padilla
Man Faces 30 Years in Stabbing Incident
(https://www.theintelligencer.com/news/article/Man-faces-30-years-in-stabbing-incident-10465829.php)
He is a registered sex offender:
(https://www.homefacts.com/offender-detail/ILE04B1446/Eric-D-Padilla.html)
He is named "Lydia Helena Vision" in the ACLU's lawsuit.

Jordan Kuykendall
Kuykendall Seeks Reduction in Murder Sentence
(http://www.republictimes.net/kuykendall-seeks-reduction-in-murder-sentence/)
The ACLU has filed a lawsuit on his behalf.

Fadell Reed
Charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault, with the victim being over the age of 60:
(https://www.rapsheets.org/illinois/doc-prisoner/REED_FADELL/M38260)
The ACLU has filed a lawsuit on his behalf.

Douglas Perry
Transgender Defense: 'Donna' Says 'Doug' Is the Spokane Serial Killer
(https://abcnews.go.com/Health/transgender-woman-male-persona-serial-killer/story?id=22959423)
Cellmate of Transgender Murder Suspect Says Donna Perry Claimed to Have Killed Dozens
(https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2017/jun/23/cellmate-of-transgender-murder-suspect-says-donna-/)

Douglas C Farmer
Transgendered Woman Tried to Fake Death
(https://www.baltimoresun.com/news/bs-xpm-2007-01-18-0701180017-story.html)

Martin Ponting
RAPE MENACE MOVED Transgender Rapist Moved to Women's Jail Put in Segregation After Making 'Unwanted Advances' on Other Lags
(https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/4400327/transgender-rapist-womens-prison/)

Kristoffer Johansson
Sweden: Man Who Killed and Dismembered His Ex-Girlfriend Transitions, Wants to Transfer To Women's Prison
(https://old.reddit.com/r/GenderCritical/comments/9ibumx/its_spreadingin_sweden_a_man_who_murdered_and/e6jiufq/)

This is a translation of this article:
Är Man Mindre Farlig Bara För Att Man Bytt Kön?
(https://www.expressen.se/ledare/sofie-lowenmark/ar-man-mindre-farlig-bara-for-att-man-bytt-kon/)

Karl Booth Amati
From Privileged Upbringing to Triple Attempted Axe Murderer
(https://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/relationships/family-friends/from-privileged-upbringing-to-triple-attempted-axe-murderer/news-story/336cfecbe0fee4d61eb0c2531dd0e919)

Richard Masbruch
Transwoman in Women's Prison Sexually Assaulted Female Inmates, Victims and Families Received No Media Support
(https://www.reddit.com/r/GenderCritical/comments/40z5ot/why_dont_radical_feminists_talk_about_this/)

These names are from The Politics of Gender blog article "Sex Reassignment Surgery and Women's Prisons"
(https://thepoliticsofgender.wordpress.com/2015/11/19/sex-reassignment-surgery-and-womens-prisons/)

Sylvain Veilleux
Man, Set to Become a Woman, Poses Problem for Quebec Prison Authorities
(https://archive.is/CR0hK#selection-1163.0-1163.8)

Luis Morales
Gender Identity Watch: Synthia China Blast
(https://genderidentitywatch.com/2014/08/24/synthia-china-blast-srlp-lavernecox-usa/)

David Wesley Birrell
Lawsuit Asks State to Pay for Inmate's Sex-Change Operation
(https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2011-apr-20-la-me-prisons-transgender-20110420-story.html)

Robert Kosilek
Judge Orders Sex Change for Massachusetts Murder Convict
(https://www.nydailynews.com/news/crime/judge-orders-sex-change-massachusetts-murder-convict-article-1.1151596)

Christopher Grey
Transgendered Inmate Demands Sex Change
(https://archive.is/M10UA#selection-2615.0-2615.39)

Phillip Trujillo
Transgendered Inmate Demands Sex Change
(https://archive.is/M10UA#selection-2615.0-2615.39)

Roger Miles
Crosby v. Reynolds, 763 F. Supp. 666 (D. Me. 1991)
https://www.courtlistener.com/opinion/1586075/crosby-v-reynolds/

Peter Laing
Sadistic Killer Who Was Born a Man But Sent to a Female Prison for Murder Because he Identified as a Woman Only to be Moved for Sleeping With Inmate is Set for £20,000 Sex-Change Operation Paid for by YOU
(https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5825085/Sadistic-transgender-killer-Paris-Green-set-20-000-sex-change-operation.html)

Raymond Aaron David
Transgender Woman Tara Hudson Moved to Female Prison
(https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-34675778)

Jaris Lovado
Transgender Inmate Transferred From All-Male Kamloops Jail to Female Correctional Centre
(https://infotel.ca/newsitem/transgender-inmate-transferred-from-all-male-kamloops-jail-to-female-correctional-centre/it24742)

Stuart Kelly
Trans Crime UK: Katelyn Findlay
(http://transcrimeuk.com/2017/10/30/kateyln-findlay/)

Richard Chaperon
Synthia Kavanagh (1962 -) Sex Worker, Inmate
(https://zagria.blogspot.com/2009/11/synthia-kavanagh-1962-sex-worker-inmate.html#.XPbv8S2ZPow)

Follet (First name is not given.)
Jade Follett and No Pride In Prisons
(https://genderidentitywatch.com/2015/08/28/jade-follett-no-pride-in-prisons-noprisonpride-new-zealand/)

Peter Rogers
Debbie Vincent: Former Soldier Turned Animal Rights Extremist Jailed for Six Years
(https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/10772486/Debbie-Vincent-Former-soldier-turned-animal-rights-extremist-jailed-for-six-years.html)

Young (First name is not given.)
Transgender woman guilty of Alan Williamson murder
(https://archive.is/C3QK8#selection-2071.0-2071.50)

Douglas Wakefield
Sex-Swap Lag's Wedding Chop
(https://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/latest-news/293991/Sex-swap-lag-s-wedding-chop)

Glenn Nelson
20 Years After Leslie Nelson Shooting, Haddon Heights Police Grieve, Reflect, Rededicate Themselves
(http://www.njpen.com/20-years-after-leslie-nelson-shooting-haddon-heights-police-grieve-reflect-rededicate-themselves/)

Rodney Quine
In a First, California Agrees to Pay for Transgender Inmate's Sex Reassignment
(https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-inmate-transgender-20150810-story.html)

David Cross
Armed Robber has Sex Change
(https://www.irishtimes.com/news/armed-robber-has-sex-change-1.1110904)

Alan Baker
Violent Inmate Who Tortured his Step-Mother's Brother then Boasted About Freebies in Prison is Given £10,000 Sex Change on the NHS
(https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2383992/Violent-inmate-Alan-Baker-given-10-000-sex-change-NHS.html)

These names are from The Politics of Gender blog article "The Case of Prison Transition" (https://thepoliticsofgender.wordpress.com/2015/11/19/the-case-of-prison-transition/)

Leslie Richards
Sex-change Inmate Leslie 'Krista' Richard Pleads 'Let Me Wear Women's Clothes'
(https://www.theaustralian.com.au/archive/news/sex-change-inmate-leslie-krista-richard-pleads-let-me-wear-womens-clothes/news-story/da07d2c4392120ef968fff256d5ce782)

Edward Brunetta
Transgender Woman Sues County, Claims Jailhouse Sex Assault
(https://www.seacoastonline.com/article/20150205/NEWS/150209502/101019/NEWS?rss-feed=true)

Maikobi Shawn Burks
Maikobi Shawn Burks v. Elgin Mental Health Center (USA)
(https://genderidentitywatch.com/2013/12/09/maikobi-shawn-burks-v-elgin-mental-health-center-usa/)

These names are from the Tumblr blog transgender-harms-women (https://auntiewanda.tumblr.com/post/160736823401/hi-do-you-know-of-any-resourcesarticles-about)

Stevens (First name is not given.)
Victim's Family Hopes California Won't Pay For Murderer's Sex Change
(https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2011/06/06/convicted-murderer-wants-california-to-pay-for-sex-change/)

Mark Brooks
PENILE SYSTEM – Judge Rules for Killer's Sex Change; '$NIPPY' Inmate Wants You to Pay for Sex Change
(https://nypost.com/2003/07/17/penile-system-judge-rules-for-killers-sex-change-nippy-inmate-wants-you-to-pay-for-sex-change/)

Druley (First name is not given.)
Parole is Denied for BA Man, Tulsa Transsexual
(https://www.tulsaworld.com/archive/parole-is-denied-for-ba-man-tulsa-transsexual/article_18883794-47e5-5d47-ba93-382f3d3fbeb0.html)

Paul Daniel Raynal
Gender Identity Watch: San Francisco County Jail Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi
(https://genderidentitywatch.com/2015/09/10/san-francisco-county-jail-sheriff-ross-mirkarimi-ross_mirkarimi-sheriffsf-nclrights-usa/)

Daniel Carlson
Idaho Transgender Woman Arrested in Naked, Gender ID Bomb Plot
(https://www.foxnews.com/us/idaho-transgender-woman-arrested-in-naked-gender-id-bomb-plot)

These cases were found on the Blogspot Ninjapundit blog, article "Transgender Suspects" (https://ninjapundit.blogspot.com/2016/05/transgender-suspects.html)

Derek Sinden
Transsexual Killer Derek Sinden Found Guilty of Violent Robbery of Woman, 82
(https://www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/transsexual-killer-derek-sinden-found-guilty-of-violent-robbery-of-woman-82/news-story/1c4cfd77d35a7efe3bdad796b9eaf06f)

Sean Paul Gossman
Adrian man gets 7 years in federal child porn case
(https://www.lenconnect.com/article/20140420/News/140418764)

Meriwether (First name is not given.)
A Federal Judge Ruled the Rights of a Transsexual...
(https://www.upi.com/Archives/1986/01/10/A-federal-judge-ruled-the-rights-of-a-transsexual/6294505717200/)

A (Full name is not given.)
Transsexual Prisoner Wins Right to be in Female Prison
(https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/6138325/Transsexual-prisoner-wins-right-to-be-in-female-prison.html)

Defendant not named
Heated Debate as Transgender Girl, 16, Born Male, is Sent to Women's Prison
(https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2616992/Heated-debate-transgender-girl-16-born-male-sent-womens-prison.html)

Martin (First name not given.)
Gender Identity Watch: Los Angeles Times
(https://genderidentitywatch.com/2015/09/07/los-angeles-times-latimes-usa/)
(https://www.inmateaid.com/inmate-profiles/centia-renee-martin)

These cases were found on the Wordpress blog Wolf Woman of the Northern Woods article titled "Trans Identified Male Sexual Offenses and Violent Crimes"
https://wolfwomanofnorth.wordpress.com/tag/womens-prison/

Gary Dean
"Dangerous" Transgender Perv Spied on Young Girls...Now Demands Access to Women's Prison
https://www.womenarehuman.com/transgender-perv-spied-on-young-girls-then-demanded-access-to-womens-prison-marie-dean-nee-gary-dean-marie/

Prisoner not named
Female prisoner challenges trans policy after assault by male
https://www.christian.org.uk/news/female-prisoner-challenges-trans-policy-after-assault-by-male/

These names were found from other sources

Bilyk (First name is not given.)
Living Nightmare for Transgender Inmate at All-Male Prison
(https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2015/12/13/living-nightmare-for-transgender-inmate-at-all-male-prison.html)

Anthony Joe Thannisch
Parole is Denied for BA Man, Tulsa Transsexual
(https://www.tulsaworld.com/archive/parole-is-denied-for-ba-man-tulsa-transsexual/article_18883794-47e5-5d47-ba93-382f3d3fbeb0.html)

Avery Edison (It is unclear if this the defendant's given name.)
Transgender Woman Avery Edison Returns to the UK After Being Held in a Men's Canadian Prison
(https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/transgender-woman-avery-edison-returns-to-the-uk-after-being-held-in-a-mens-canadian-prison-9130637.html)

Peter Langan
Equality Case Files: 7:16-cv-00054 #102
(http://files.eqcf.org/cases/716-cv-00054-102/)

Thompson (First name is not given.)
Equality Case Files: 7:16-cv-00054 #102
(http://files.eqcf.org/cases/716-cv-00054-102/)

Darnell Nash
Equality Case Files: 7:16-cv-00054 #102
(http://files.eqcf.org/cases/716-cv-00054-102/)

Andre Saunders
Equality Case Files: 7:16-cv-00054 #102
(http://files.eqcf.org/cases/716-cv-00054-102/)

Donald Collins
Equality Case Files: 7:16-cv-00054 #102
(http://files.eqcf.org/cases/716-cv-00054-102/)

Sandoval (First name is not given.)
Equality Case Files: 7:16-cv-00054 #102
(http://files.eqcf.org/cases/716-cv-00054-102/)

Jorey Lee Brewis
Kristina Olvera Says She is a Woman. The Prison System Says He is a Man.
(https://www.wweek.com/portland/article-22429-kristina-olvera-says-she-is-a-woman-the-prison-system-says-he-is-a-man.html)

Luis Espinoza
Still in Danger: The Ongoing Threat of Sexual Violence Against Transgender Prisoners
(http://www.ncdsv.org/images/stillindanger.pdf)

I found two additional cases in a Google search for "male criminal moved to women's prison"

Stephen Terrence Wood (name later changed to David Thompson)
Karen White: How 'Manipulative' Transgender Inmate Attacked Again
(https://www.theguardian.com/society/2018/oct/11/karen-white-how-manipulative-and-controlling-offender-attacked-again-transgender-prison)

Defendant not named
In Groundbreaking Development, Incarcerated Transgender Woman is Transferred from Men's to Women's Prison in MA
(https://www.glad.org/post/in-groundbreaking-development-incarcerated-transgender-woman-is-transferred-from-mens-to-womens-prison-in-ma/)

Even among this list, many sources use a female name and pronouns for the defendant. In some cases, searching the defendant's given name will provide additional information on their crimes. In others, only the defendant's preferred name will appear in results. Nearly all of these cases are difficult to find with any search less specific than the defendant's name.

These men are not women. They are dangerous criminals. Most are convicted on felony charges of murder, rape, or sexual assault. Many are convicted of crimes against women. They are, or will be, a danger to any female prisoners they are housed with.

It's time to question why reality is being hidden from us.

From Gender Identity Disorder to Gender Incongruence: the Normalization of Delusion

"The war is over."

(https://www.huffpost.com/entry/the-war-against-trans-chi_b_10636030)

This was the bold declaration of the author of this 2017 article from Huffpost (considered a respectable publication by some).

What war? Did you know we were fighting?

In fact, the author calls it a "War Against Trans Children"

According to her, an invisible machine wages a millennia old war against children who refuse to conform. And now it's over. Won. The children stand victorious. If true, it could be a beautiful story; but let's investigate what made her finally to declare victory.

As she states,

"The debate about trans care for adults and adolescents is over, and the consensus is global. ... the World Health Organization (WHO) will de-psychopathologize adolescent and adult trans persons"

De-psychopathologize is a word that is not in any dictionary. However, Wikitionary provides this definition for "psychopathologize":

"psychopathologize (third-person singular simple present psychopathologizes, present participle psychopathologizing, simple past and past participle psychopathologized)

"1. (transitive) To bring into the realm of psychopathology; to treat as a mental

"disorder."

(https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/psychopathologize)

Now, the WHO pretends to be an organization of medical professionals. Isn't it the job of medical professionals to "treat as a mental disorder" things which are, in reality, mental disorder? Aha, so the issue at hand is revealed. This entire battle has hinged on a definition change – a change which was made in the publication of the fifth edition of the North American Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), and which the WHO has followed suit in editing in its own guidelines. According to the author, they will (and now have)

"remove Gender Identity Disorder in Adolescence and Adulthood from the mental illness classification, and rename it the value-neutral 'Gender Incongruence' coding in a new chapter in Sexual Health."

So, let's take a look at these terms, and then we will determine the reasons this change was a necessary victory for a radical movement.

According to the International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences (2001):

"The gender identity disorders (GID) are defined as disorders in which an individual exhibits marked and persistent identification with the opposite sex and persistent discomfort (dysphoria) with his or her own sex or sense of inappropriateness in the gender role of that sex."

(https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/neuroscience/gender-identity-disorder)

The important word in this definition is "disorder". A disorder means something is not right;

something is out of place. It implies a normal, and it implies a deviation. In fact, this disorder carries many unpleasant side effects. As Linda C. Shafer M.D., wrote in Massachusetts General Hospital Handbook of General Hospital Psychiatry (Sixth Edition), (2010):

"In adolescents and adults, the disturbance is manifested by a variety of symptoms, such as preoccupation with getting rid of primary and secondary sex characteristics (e.g., requests for hormones or surgery), or a belief in being born the wrong sex. By late adolescence or adulthood, 75% of boys with a history of gender identity disorder as a child will have a homosexual or bisexual orientation. Children with gender identity disorder may have co-existing separation anxiety, generalized anxiety, and depression, whereas adolescents are at risk for depression, suicidal ideation, and suicide attempts. Adults with the condition often have co-existing anxiety and depression. Adult males may have a history of transvestic fetishism as well as other paraphilias. Associated personality disorders are common in male patients."

Those without diagnosed Gender Identity Disorder don't suffer these symptoms at the same rates as those with, and they are not at the same risk for these issues. So, the disorder was defined and understood. That is, until the name and definition were changed.

And it was not immediately changed to Gender Incongruence, as the author of the Huffpost article insinuates. In fact, this change had been made years before this article was even published:

"People with gender dysphoria are typically transgender. The diagnostic label gender identity disorder (GID) was used until 2013 with the release of the DSM-5. The condition was renamed to remove the stigma associated with the term disorder."

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gender_dysphoria)

The American Psychiatric Association articulates the philosophy behind the first definition change on their website:

"The presence of gender variance is not the pathology but dysphoria is from the distress caused by the body and mind not aligning and/or societal marginalization of gender-variant people. It needs to be ego-dystonic to qualify as a diagnosis and having a discussion with our patients about the diagnosis prior to charting it is necessary and good care.

"The DSM–5 articulates explicitly that 'gender non-conformity is not in itself a mental disorder.' The 5th edition also includes a separate 'gender dysphoria in children' diagnosis and for the first time allows the diagnosis to be given to individuals with disorders of sex development (DSD). DSM–5 also includes the optional 'post-transition' specifier to indicate when a particular individual's gender transition is complete. In this 'post-transition' case, the diagnosis of gender dysphoria would no longer apply but the individual may still need ongoing medical care (e.g., hormonal treatment). Nevertheless, discussions continue among advocates and medical professionals about how best to preserve access to gender transition-related health care while also minimizing the degree to which such diagnostic categories stigmatize the very people that physicians are attempting to help."

(https://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/cultural-competency/education/transgender-and-gender-nonconforming-patients/gender-dysphoria-diagnosis)

These distinctions are dense but not subtle. While identification with the opposite sex would be a clear indication of Gender Identity Disorder, that same identification will not be called "Gender Dysphoria" unless the individual experiences distress as a result. Gender Dysphoria is not called a disorder. Its theory does not assume that the identity is out of place. Instead, the

identity is affirmed, and only the symptoms are treated. All of this; to suggest that a man who believes he is a woman is not suffering a case of mistaken identity; but, in fact, is exhibiting the appropriate response to existing as a sexed individual. According to the APA: his feelings are not wrong, his body is. Once this frame is established, remedial steps become apparent.

This definition brings with it its own plan of treatment: medical, hormonal, and surgical transition to the opposite sex. And when this "transition" is complete, the individual no longer has Gender Dysphoria. Diagnostically, he cannot, because his identified sex and perceived sex now align. Never-mind that these "post-transition" patients continue to experience higher rates of all the awful symptoms associated with Gender Identity Disorder. That fact is overlooked by the medical professionals who write these guidelines. His distress cannot be attributed to a gender identity mis-match, therefore it cannot be called Gender Dysphoria. In fact, his distress does not fit any umbrella definition in the DSM 5.

That, post-transition, individuals experienced "higher risks for mortality, suicidal behaviour, and psychiatric morbidity" were the results of a 30-year study conducted in Sweden, completed in 2003.

(https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article/file?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0016885&-type=printable)

And this recent study had similar results:

"They found transgender adolescents (TGAs) had higher rates of suicidal ideation, plans, attempts and attempts requiring medical care compared to [not transgender] teens. They also had higher rates of non-suicidal self-injury, according to 'Suicidality Disparities between Transgender and Cisgender Adolescents,' (Thoma BC, et al. Pediatrics. Oct. 14, 2019,

"https://doi.org/10.1542/peds.2019-1183)."

(https://www.aappublications.org/news/2019/10/14/suicide101419)

And, in a supreme act of demented irony, the suicidality rates for this group, previously considered a symptom of the disorder, are the last line of defense in a line of reasoning which justifies unheard-of treatment.

The Centre for Suicide Prevention recommends medical transition as a method of suicide prevention, on their website:

"The decision to medically transition to the gender with which one identifies can be stressful and may place someone more at risk for suicide. However, studies show that once a transition is completed, it does have beneficial effects."

(https://www.suicideinfo.ca/resource/transgender-people-suicide/)

However, it seems that very little research has been done on this 7-year named disorder. Indeed, even less has been done to study the effects of the recommended treatment for it.

It may be a good analogy to suggest that we will one day look back at the current medical treatment schedule for GI individuals as nothing less than a medical lobotomy. It is indeed castration. Naturally, there is some evidence that preventing natural puberty in children leads to cognitive delays in adulthood. (This quote is long but it is very informative.):

"By 2004, it was known that surgical castration of male animals can lead to 'profound loss of synaptic density in the hippocampus and changes in learning and memory'[38][39] due to

“absence of testosterone. Synapses are the junctions between cells through which information is shared by tiny electrical impulses or chemical transmitters. Their reduction implies reduced or altered activity of that region of the brain. GnRH blockers are a means of chemical as opposed to surgical castration, therefore, the effect of reduction of testosterone by blocking the pituitary needed to be elucidated.

“By 2007, as animal and behavioural studies suggested blockers ‘may have significant effects on memory’ their effects were examined in humans. Interference in memory and executive function[40], and abnormal cerebral function was found in women receiving blockers for gynaecological reasons.[41]

“In 2008, review of the effect of testosterone deprivation due to blockers in men receiving them for prostate cancer raised the ‘strong argument’ that blockers, alone, caused ‘subtle but significant cognitive declines’.[42] Other studies confirmed ‘higher rates ... of cognitive impairment’ compared to controls[43], but were denied by some.[44] Laboratory studies were needed.

“In 2009, scientists in universities in Glasgow and Oslo had begun collaborative research on the effect of blockers on the behaviour and brains of sheep. These foundational studies revealed that exposure of the pre-pubertal lamb to blockers led to an observable increase in the size of the amygdala[45], that the activities of a large number of genes in the amygdala and hippocampus were altered by the blockers[46] [47] and, not surprisingly, that some aspects of brain function were disturbed [48][49]. Female sheep had less emotional control and were more anxious. Males were more prone to ‘risk taking’ and alterations in emotional reactivity. Males suffered reduction in spatial memory that persisted after treatment.[50]

“These results suggest that blockers may alter the shape of the brain and the capacity of cells

"to communicate with each other at a molecular level[51] [52]. This could be due to a direct effect of the loss of GnRH or, alternatively, a reduction in GnRH-dependent production of local neurosteroids involved in the formation of synaptic connections when the brain is developing. [53] [54]

"Contrary to the laboratory studies, a recent study by the Dutch group[55] on its own human patients asserted that no difference could be found in executive function between mid-teens on blockers and controls. Little reassurance can be gained from this conclusion, however, because close reading of the results reveals that males on blockers transgendering to females did have 'significantly lower accuracy scores than the control groups'. However, the authors declared that 'it is possible that this is just a chance finding due to the small size of the subgroup (of eight adolescents)'. Alternatively, it could have confirmed what had been revealed in sheep; but, indeed, the numbers were small.

"Other psychological studies have suggested positive outcome in humans on hormonal therapy but all are weakened by small numbers and their reliance on observations by involved therapists.[56] Reviews stress lack of evidence[57]. It should be emphasised that, unlike older men with cancer whose brains are deteriorating with age, children are being given blockers at a time of great brain development. Moreover, compared to the men whose treatment lasted only months, many children receive blockers for years."

(https://www.genderhq.org/trans-youth-side-effects-hormone-blockers-surgery/)

This bizarre medical experiment in now taking place, and children in the US and across the world are becoming its victims.

And not for nothing, either. The doctors who perform sex-reassignment surgeries make a fair

penny doing it. Doctors are paid by the pharmaceutical companies who make these medications. It is in only within the interest of medical corporations to recommend their own services, and to extoll the supposed benefits. The Philadelphia Center for Transgender Surgery shares a price sheet of surgeries costing thousands, and tens of thousands of dollars, each, for its patients.

(http://www.thetransgendercenter.com/index.php/mtf-price-list.html)

One person seeking sex reassignment may receive all, or most, of the surgeries on this list in their lifetime. These costs are in addition to the life-long cost of replacement hormones and doctor visits. The people who seek out this treatment course become permanent patients.

Now, the WHO has renamed the disorder again. In it's eleventh revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11), "Gender Incongruence" has been defined this way:

"'a marked and persistent incongruence between the gender felt or experienced and the gender assigned to birth'12. This incongruity is manifested in at least two of the following criteria:
"- Strong dislike or disagreement with primary or secondary sexual characteristics due to incongruence with the experienced gender.
"- Strong desire to get rid of some of those sexual characteristics due to the incongruence with the experienced gender.
"- Strong desire to have the primary or secondary sexual characteristics of the experienced gender.
"-Strong desire to be treated and accepted as a person of the felt gender."

(https://www.mentalhealthjournal.org/articles/gender-incongruence-is-no-longer-a-mental-disorder.html)

Apparently, tho only criteria which can now qualify this diagnosis is a strong desire to become the opposite sex. Soon, everyone who has pondered the notion, or even those who engage in a wistful fantasy, may be convinced of their need for diagnosis. But this can't be shocking. The definition has simultaneously become so narrow; that it includes only a single symptom of the affor-named "Gender Identity Disorder"; at the same time, its prevalence as a diagnosis increases. The numbers of children referred to gender re-assignment clinics have risen sharply as a result. According to a study published in the Archives of Sexual Behavior:

"Over the last decade, several child and adolescent gender identity services have reported an increase in young people who seek help with incongruence between the experienced gender identity and the gender to which they were assigned at birth (Aitken et al., 2015; Wood et al., 2013). Many of those, but not all, would meet the diagnostic criteria for gender dysphoria (GD) (APA, 2013). It has been suggested that this increase is mostly due to an influx of birth-assigned females coming forward."

(https://www.researchgate.net/publication/324768316_Sex_Ratio_in_Children_and_Adolescents_Referred_to_the_Gender_Identity_Development_Service_in_the_UK_2009-2016)

Even so, the named authors at the Mental Health Journal proclaim proudly the semantic games of the WHO, having this to say about the final term "Gender Incogruence":

"On June 18, 2018 the World Health Organization (WHO)5 establish [sic] itself as a pioneer in the process of depathologization of transsexuality. This struggle, in order to stop transsexuality from being considered a mental disorder and to eliminate the gender identity disorder of the international manuals of mental disorders, had been represented in the last decade by the

"powerful movements of depathologization (Stop Trans Pathologization, depsychopathologisation statement released, etc)6,7,8.

"The Manual of International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-11) eliminates the term 'transsexualism' and replaces it with the term 'Gender Incongruence ' (GI)9. This new terminology will no longer be part of the chapter on mental disorders (chapter 6) but a new chapter is created (chapter 17) called 'conditions related to sexual health'. These ICD-11 changes implied an advance and a great liberation for trans people who were doubly stigmatized since transsexuality has always been located around paraphilias and within personality disorders."

When homosexuality was removed from the DSM in 1987, it meant that homosexuals were no longer treated by psychologists. It meant that they were free to live their lives on their own terms, apart from medical and therapeutic intervention – not so with transsexuality. All these definition changes have placed gender identity disorders squarely on the developing edge at the intersection of medicine and psychology. In this case, the "de-psychopathologization" of transsexuality has meant that individuals with gender disorders are receiving more hormones, more surgeries, and more interventions than they ever have. And medical proponents of this plan have practically become the pioneers of a terrifying new field of medicine – one that is not quite plastic surgery, and not quite psychiatry – but somewhere in the middle. It may be the only field of medicine which endeavors to change the body, in order to conform it to the mind.

It begs the question: is this a treatment? Or a program?

Ironically, the authors at the Mental Health Journal reveal the motivations of Radical Trans Rights Activists in their discussion of the initial revisions made to the DSM:

"This first draft didn't meet the expectations of the trans people that harbored the hope that transsexuality would disappear from the international diagnostic classifications just like it happened with homosexuality11."

What the authors at this journal attribute to "trans people" is better recognized as the strange want of Radical Trans Rights Activists, who have undoubtedly gained influence in the medical community, where they successfully push their agenda. Do not be mistaken: the purpose of this definition change is to normalize the medical transition of children. Removing the diagnosis altogether is the mechanism which intends to permanently normalize transsexuality. The Huffpost author who heralded the end of this war put it bluntly when she said:

"Being a patient with a diagnosis implies there's something wrong with you."

And with that statement, the real intentions of the war are revealed, and the combatants stand in stark relief. As if reeling in the aftermath of an explosion, they are gathered together on each side. They regroup, and do not fear to re-engage. But the enemy is strong. The trumpet of victory was blown too soon. As the author implies, the goal of this movement is not only to "de-psychopathologize", but even to "de-diagnose" sexual variance – to make it commonplace. And with that, sexual transition will become routine medical care. This is not the war against oppression it figures. This is a war waged by Radical Trans Activists against the sanity of every heterosexual man and woman on the planet. This is the war against gender, as a concept; and sex, as a dimorphic reality. The aim of the Radical Trans Activists who fight in this war is to eliminate, once and for all, men and women. Imagine for a moment: there is no distinction to be made, because none exists. This pictures their utopia.

Perhaps a better name for this war would be: The War Against Our Children.

It is one that cannot continue. We cannot afford to stand idly by while our boys and girls fall victim to this medical machination. This fight can only be fought by Men and Women standing for biological reality. Their agenda can no longer stand up to scrutiny. It dies in the light of information.

Self-Identity in Art, a Criticism

This painting was created by u/sheridanharris, originally posted to r/Art and crossposted by the artist to r/Feminism.

This Woman's Work digital, 2019

This is the artist's description of the piece:

"I was painting and thought to myself what does it feel like or look like to be a woman' and I felt like instead of being my own person with an identity, I feel more like I'm an object in society to be used for men. It's so prominent especially in the South that I feel like I don't know who I am sometimes. It feels like body dysmorphia hence the different red outline of her body. Being a woman to me means struggling to find an identity. And to be honest. Fuck subtlety. This isn't the time in our society for subtle hints that I feel violated as a woman."

My criticism, directed to the artist:

Since you've made it obvious this is a depiction of how you see yourself, I'm going to direct my criticism towards that.

It's okay that you are struggling with your identity. You have asked a noble question, and I encourage you to consider this more deeply: "what does it feel like or look like to be a woman?" However, I assume it will be impossible for you to answer this. Since you are not all women, you cannot answer this question in the general. Instead, you should narrow your focus, ask: "what does it feel like or look like to be myself?"

You answered; "I'm an object in society to be used for men." If you are attempting to form a self-identity, why consider how other people see you? Indeed, why consider the views of anyone else at all. You do not exist in the minds of others, and you cannot know their actual perspective. If you could, their thoughts would tell you nothing about yourself. You can only know yourself from your own thoughts.

As an answer to the question you posed, your depiction of womanhood is highly negative. The

woman you painted is naked, and in a submissive posture. She looks over her shoulder, as if leading the viewer on. There is nothing to oppose the messages that surround her. Quite the opposite; she is totally engulfed by them, and they even begin to cover her. It is obvious, from the artistic portrayal, and from your own description, that this woman has no identity. She is merely the living, breathing, embodiment of the cultural messages she has consumed.

Is this how you see yourself?

If these are the messages you have received, you should know they are false. You cannot exist for other people; you can only exist for yourself. If you conceptualize yourself only as you serve other people, you will never know who you are.

You are attempting to form an identity from the negative. It will not work. You can say, "I create an identity from the negative, so I will know what I am not." But this only goes so far. Then, you will only know what you are not.

You must form a positive identity, by considering what you are. Your identity should be based in self-understanding that is self-generated. If your understanding is based in the culture, or in the opinions of other people, it will be a falsehood. Only when you can say, "I know what I am, because I have looked inside myself", then you will have a positive identity.

I would like to share some additional thoughts on the artistic work:

Camille Paglia has a quote which I find extremely relevant here. In her book, *Glittering Images: A Journey Through Art From Egypt to Star Wars*, she writes: "Nothing is more hackneyed than the liberal dogma that shock value confers automatic importance on an artwork." (https://www.newsweek.com/camille-paglia-spiritual-quest-defines-all-great-art-63559)

This piece is meant to shock the viewer; it is meant to offend. Outside of that, it contains little artistic significance. The collage technique is sloppy, and the painting looks hastily done. The brushstrokes are rough and inconsistent, as is the style, which, within the shape of the figure, jumps from a cartoonish black outline to attempted realism. In this too, the artist shows little regard for artistic technique. The red outline superimposed on the figure distorts the features of the face, and portrays no visual meaning. For these reasons, I place this artwork firmly in the realm of Postmodernism.

The message of the piece is simple; "Woman is made by the culture." This adds no artistic significance for two reasons. First, this message has been repeated by Postmodernists ad infinitum. It cannot be artistically significant, because it does not belong to the original thought of the artist. In fact, this message may be the most common one that women currently receive. Despite that, it is not true. No individual can be made by their culture. Humans, including women, have an innate nature. Art which has no relation to truth cannot be significant.

This piece has no value beyond shock and offense. This, a masterful work, does not make. It portrays nothing beyond the artist's own confusion with her identity. In this, I can feel sympathy for the artist. It is difficult to form a self-identity, especially in a time when messages, such as this, are so prevalent. An artist can also find self-identity through her work. However, this attempt is unoriginal, and misguided.

I will end by saying this: the true artist separates herself from the culture. She is not defined by it. Her art exists outside of that culture, in a place that is without context, indeed, without time. Its meaning cannot be known, because it is generated by an understanding that she alone possesses. What can be appreciated in this light can truly be called art.

Self-Identity as a Means to know God

One verse in the book of Genesis stands out to my mind more than any other. It is this:

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:27

The Holy Bible: King James Version

Although being often referenced, this verse is rarely satisfactorily expounded. One line of argument suggests that God made the physical body of man to reflect God's own form. This argument soon falls apart, when one realizes that God exists without physical form. As it is written;

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

God is a Spirit. He has no body. Therefore, it is not the physical body of man which is the image of God.

Another line of reasoning would say that this verse indicates that God is a man. So man is made in the image of God, and woman is not. While this meaning exists within the verse, it

hardly does justice to the underlying meaning to forfeit analysis here.

Another verse reads:

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:6

As God is a Spirit, then Man is like god in his spirit. As man is in the image of God, he can come to know God by knowing himself.

The woman is made from the Man. Therefore, by coming to know herself, she can come to know Man. If she knows Man, then she may come to know the Spirit of God as he reflects it. Then, recognizing the Spirit of God, she will come to know the character of God and God also.

Knowledge of the self is called self-identity. She who has little knowledge of herself has a weak self-identity, while she who knows herself well will have a strong self-identity.

The self is spirit. It is generally understood that there are three parts to man or woman; spirit, mind, and body.

This is supported:

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and

body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thesallonians 5:23

Although it will be impossible to have a clear understanding of the self without a true understanding of the mind and body, knowledge of the mind and body alone will contribute nothing to self-understanding.

The self is the part that can say, "I am", which is an echo of the Great I AM, which is God.

This God told to Moses:

And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

Exodus 3:14

To know the self, it must be distinguished from the other parts of the mind and body. These parts can be known by their own statements:

"I feel..."
"I know..."
"I like..."

These are not self-statements, and do no represent the spirit.

Relying on these statements for self-understanding will profit nothing to self-identity. Only those statements which begin with "I am..." will develop knowledge of who her self is.

It is beyond important that a woman know herself well. Those with false self-identity are under strong delusion. They believe a lie. Indeed, nothing can save them, except faith in God.

For it is written:

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7

And:

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

Faith grants the spirit of understanding. By coming to know herself, she will come to know God also. There is a simple reason for this:

God designed the body and mind.

For how can one begin to say who she is without exercising these.

See, to get down to who "I am" is, one should also discover what one feels, one knows, and one likes. Then, these statements can be separated from each other, and the self – which is unchanging – can be identified.

With sufficient standing in self-identity, then she may also begin to say, "I believe..."

Finally, it is with belief that one knows God.

God's Purpose For Your Life

God has created Man for a specific purpose. God can use all kinds of men, even needs all kind of men, to do his will.

God needs men to be:

-soulwinners
-warriors
-truth-tellers
-laborers
-teachers/ preachers/ or prophets
-leaders

God has respect for the Man who excels in one skill above all others. Man must dedicate himself to God's purpose for him, then, strive and work tirelessly all of his life, so that when he is old he will be exceeding great and worthy of respect.

God has also created Woman for a specific purpose. For women, it is simpler. God has designed all women for the same purpose. God needs women to be:

-mothers

As it is written in his Word:

I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

1 Timothy 5:14

The Holy Bible: King James Version

If a Woman wishes to honor God with her life, then she will follow his divine purpose for her.

A Woman's Purpose

God has made Woman for a single purpose that changes constantly throughout her life.

In her youth, she is a girl: a joy to every one she meets.

Before she is married, she prepares for marriage. She practices the necessary skills of cooking and house-keeping. She works hard at these every day. If she is especially talented, she will also hone a craft. (Eventually she will choose a husband.)

She is married. She is a bride to her husband.

After marriage, she becomes a mother. She has a steady routine of cleaning, cooking and caring for children.

As her children age, she becomes a teacher. She is their primary instructor in reading, writing, and arithmetic. She will especially impart her skills in house-keeping and crafts to her daughters.

She is a wise grandmother: a blessing to her husband and children.

If she dedicates herself to her purpose, she can never be unfulfilled.

Radical Views on Sex

The two major sects of 3rd Wave Feminism have diverging opinions on sex as an expression of power.

I will attempt to explain the differences between TIRF [Trans-Inclusionary Radical Feminist/m] and TERF [Trans-Exclusionary Radical Feminist/m] ideas on this topic.

TIRFs use the phrase "sex work is work" and fight for the sexual liberation of women in all aspects. They believe that women are sexually oppressed when their sexual expression is limited. I believe this mindset grew out of the sexual revolution of the 1960s, which was tied to the movement of 2nd Wave Feminism. I believe this movement may have had some good intentions. There was an idea that women should enjoy sex, and should be educated on their bodies. In the early 1900s, Freud popularized the idea that clitoral orgasm was psychosexu-allly deviant, and in 1948, the 25th edition of Gray's Anatomy did not include the clitoris in diagrams of female anatomy. It was not until 1998 that the full anatomy of the clitoris was discovered and mapped.

(http://projects.huffingtonpost.com/projects/cliteracy/history)

As a result, many women of the 20th century were uninformed or misinformed on their own anatomy. In addition to this, there was the cultural belief that sex is something a woman does for her husband, and it was not for her enjoyment. However, after overcoming these two obstacles to female sexual enjoyment, the sexual liberation movement took a more Radical tact. This is a typical TIRF definition of sexual oppression:

"We have perpetuated the notion that negative value is associated with women who sleep with someone on the first date, engage in casual sex often or have had many partners. Oftentimes, we do so, even when we will, in turn, be subject to such a cruel scale of judgment."

(https://www.elitedaily.com/dating/women-still-oppressed-sexual-beings-heres/813549)

So, although women have the information and the ability to enjoy sex, TIRFs claims that the cultural attitudes toward promiscuous women continue to oppress them. (It is mostly a woman's female friends and relatives who will judge her for her promiscuity, but this fact is obscured in TIRF ideology.) Their goal no longer seems to be for women enjoy sex, but simply that they have as much sex as possible. (I do not believe this is truly enjoyable for women – therefore this movement is diametrically opposed to its original intentions.) For TIRFs, I suppose sexual empowerment would be for a woman to have as much sex, with whoever, and in whatever way she wants, and to be congratulated and encouraged to do so. They also support porn and sex work as empowering to women.

Framing the physical act of sex as an expression of power is much more common in TERF. TERFs often cite the views of Andrea Dworkin on sex and pornography. Dworkin believed

"all intercourse ... violates the integrity of a woman's body, that women who want it are 'experiencing pleasure in their own inferiority.'"

(https://www.thecut.com/2019/03/sex-lies-and-andrea-dworkin.html)

She is sometimes quoted as saying "all sex is rape", but I think that is a simplification of her views. Dworkin was abused by her first husband, which undoubtably shaped her views on heterosexual relationships. From my own observation, a significant number of women in the TERF community have also been abused by male partners. You should also know that many TERFs are Radical Lesbian separatists, and some do believe that sex between a man and a woman is always an expression of male power oppressing the female partner. I found an entirely serious

discussion on r/GenderCritical on whether oral sex is inherently disempowering, with this response:

"In a relationship, sex does not exist separate from other power relationships between partners. and the cultural influences that create expectations within us. So in a relationship that has a power imbalance, sex will feel like it is expression and an enactment of that power imbalance."

(https://www.reddit.com/r/GenderCritical/comments/dyh7z4/thoughts_about_women_giving_men_oral_sex_is_it/f81of38?utm_source=share&utm_medium=web2x)

Since they definitionally believe men have power and women are oppressed, I suppose they believe all heterosexual relationships have an inherent power imbalance, and therefore heterosexual sex is always disempowering to the woman. This can also be extended to inter-racial relationships. In their framework, white people always have more power than members of other races. By the same theory, inter-racial sex is disempowering to the non-white partner. (And I did not make that up, I was introduced to that theory in a Gender Studies classroom.) While there is some room for discussion about whether particular sex acts are disempowering, TERFs are firm on the stance that porn and sex work are degrading and disempowering to women, and they fight for these industries to be eradicated and made illegal. Most are opposed to BDSM sex, kinky sex, or any kind of sex that plays out roles of dominance and submission for similar reasons, especially if the man is in the dominant role.

TERFs substitute the oppressor/oppressed narrative where dominance and submission are more appropriate. This is a rhetorical trick to imply that there is violence in the sexual relationship. It also disguises the woman's choice to participate. This is purposeful, as TERFs would argue that women cannot consent to sex in a relationship with a power imbalance. (Notice how

similar this is to the framing of arguments against minor consent. We would say that a minor cannot consent to sex with an adult, because there is an inherent power imbalance between the adult and the minor, therefore the minor does not have the full power to make that decision. TERFs attribute the same level of autonomy to women, as most people would attribute to a child.)

Both views must be rejected.

Abstinence is the Best Way to Prevent Pregnancy

In many ways, the invention of birth control has liberated the sexuality of women. The ability to medically control fertility has allowed many women to engage in sexual activity seemingly without repercussion. As a result, young women today no longer feel bound by the cultural mores of the past, which insisted on abstinence until marriage. As a result, many women are more promiscuous and have more sexual partners than their mothers or grandmothers ever were or did. In many cases, they are encouraged to act this way. Postmodern feminists discourage any perceived restraint to the sexual activity of women, calling these messages "disempowering". On the blog EcoFeminist Entrepreneur, there is an article titled "Female Sexual Empowerment" by Devon Basco, which explores this issue through the lens of postmodern feminism. The crux of her argument is this:

"It is incredibly difficult to be sexually empowered in a society that shames women for expressing their sexuality"

(https://ecofeministentrepreneur.com/female-empowerment-pillars/female-sexual-empowerment/)

According to postmodern feminism, women will be sexually empowered when there is no physical, social, or cultural restraint to their sexual activity. Essentially, they argue, women should have as much sex as they want, with whoever they want.

But is this a good thing for women?

As promiscuity is on the rise, so are unintended pregnancies, and rates of single-motherhood. Nearly 40% of children born in the US today are born to unwed mothers. (https://singlemotherguide.com/single-mother-statistics/) The reason for this is quite simple. No method of birth control is perfect. The American Pregnancy Association list failure rates for various forms of

birth control on their website. The only method which has a failure rate of 0% is abstinence. (https://americanpregnancy.org/preventing-pregnancy/birth-control-failure/)

The next most effective method of birth control listed is the hormonal arm implant, which has a failure rate of 0.05%. This means 1 in 2000 women will conceive while using this method of birth control. Only 1.6% of women between the ages of 15-44 have the hormonal arm implant. (https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/contraceptive-use-united-states) IUDs are slightly more common, but also slightly less effective. The hormonal IUD has a failure rate of 0.2%, while the copper IUD sits at 0.8% failure.

Permanent sterilization is usually considered a fail-safe measure against conception. However, these surgeries also have significant failure rates, which are different for men and women. Male sterilization, or vasectomy, has a failure rate of 0.15%. Female sterilization, or tubal litigation, has a higher failure rate – 0.5%. Put another way, 1 in 200 who have had sterilization surgery will go on to conceive. The risk may be up to 5% for young women, or women who had the surgery over 10 years ago.

Of course, not everyone who wants to prevent pregnancy wants to prevent it permanently. The numbers are even more startling for the most common methods of birth control. Oral contraceptives have a failure rate of 9%, while the male condom has a failure rate of 18%.

Other barrier methods carry failure rates between 12% and 40%. Among the least effective ways to prevent pregnancy are withdrawal and fertility awareness methods, which have failure rates of 22% and 25%, respectively.

As the only method with a 0% chance of conception, abstinence is the most effective way to prevent pregnancy.

It is also worth mentioning that abstinence as a method of birth control has no side effects.

Barrier methods carry the risk of allergic reaction, which can be severe or painful.

Permanent sterilization carries the risks associated with any surgery, such as hematoma, infection, or reaction to anesthesia. In vasectomies, these risks also include granulomas (lump in the scrotum), and postvasectomy pain syndrome. Most men will experience discomfort, bruising, and swelling immediately after the procedure. (https://www.nichd.nih.gov/health/topics/vasectomy/conditioninfo/risk) Tubal litigation surgeries can result in damage to the bowel, bladder or major blood vessels, improper wound healing, or continued pelvic or abdominal pain. These risks are greater for women who have a history of pelvic or abdominal surgery, are obese, or diabetic. During the healing process, women can also experience abdominal pain or cramping, fatigue, dizziness, gassiness or bloating, and shoulder pain. (https://www.mayoclinic.org/tests-procedures/tubal-ligation/about/pac-20388360) Additionally, since these methods are permanent, there is always the risk of regret.

The side effects of hormonal birth control may be the most severe, as the delicate balance of our hormones plays a role in nearly every function of our body. The birth control pill is classified as a carcinogen by the World Health Organization (http://www.nbcnews.com/id/8759578/ns/health-womens_health/t/hormone-pills-added-list-carcinogens/#.XciE8C-2ZMyk), and has been linked to higher rates of endometrial cancer and ovarian cancer, but may also be associated with breast cancer, cervical cancer, and liver cancer. By design, hormonal birth control lowers testosterone and increases estrogen, which can cause a decrease in libido, energy, and muscle tone. Estrogen dominance wreaks havoc on the digestive and reproductive systems. Among the other possible side effects are gas, bloating, constipation, candida, digestive disorders, inflammatory bowel diseases like Crohn's disease, nutrient deficiencies, thyroid dysfunction, weight gain or weight-loss resistance, yeast infections,

increased symptoms of PMS, endometriosis, PCOS, heavy bleeding, acne, eczema, psoriasis, fibromyalgia, mood swings, migraines, depression, anxiety, increased blood pressure, blood clot disorders, heart attack, and stroke. Even after stopping birth control, some women may experience delayed fertility or even permanent infertility. (https://rootandrevel.com/birth-control-pill-side-effects/)

Abstinence prevents pregnancy with zero risks.

Another risk that should be considered in the choice of birth control is the contraction of STD's. Infection rates are on the rise in the US. (https://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/newsroom/2018/press-release-2018-std-prevention-conference.html) Here are some alarming facts about STD infection:

-There are 20 million new STD cases each year
-110 million Americans (44% of the adult population) have an STD
-50% of new infections occur in people aged 15-24
-Certain STDs can present without symptoms, and a significant number of these cases go undiagnosed
-Some STDs are incurable, untreatable, or drug-resistant

(https://www.livescience.com/48100-sexually-transmitted-infections-50-states-map.html)

Condoms are the only method of birth control that provide any level of protection against STD contraction during sex. If the condom does not break, it can protect against STDs which are transmitted through bodily fluids, such as Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, HIV/AIDS, and most strains of Hepatitis. A condom provides no level of protection against STDs which are transmitted through skin-to-skin contact, including Herpes Simplex Virus strains 1 and 2, HPV, Genital

Crabs, or Pubic Lice. (https://www.yourstdhelp.com/condoms_and_stds.html)

Anyone who does not wish to contract a STD should ask for a recent clear STD test from every sexual partner they engage. By a matter of pure probability, those who limit their number of sexual partners, and those who are in relationships where both partners are monogamous will have lower rates of infection.

Of course, abstinence is the safest way to avoid STD infection.

Some postmodern feminists go so far as to demand that women not be taught about the potential dangers associated with sexual activity, lest they decide to limit those activities as a result. In her article, Devon Basco further writes,

"many women learn to be fearful of sexual encounters. Women are taught to arm themselves against assault by watching their drinks, traveling in groups, and not acting or dressing provocatively. Unable to embrace sex fully and safely, women are trained from a young age to view sexual encounters as potentially life-threatening."

There is no acknowledgement here of the fact that sexual encounters can be potentially life-threatening. Her argument is simply that women should not be taught this.

A world where all sexual licentiousness can be indulged without risk or consequence is a reality separate from our own. Ignorance can only endanger women. Considering the hazards associated with birth control, STDs, and with sex itself, the choice becomes clear. A woman who wants to control when she has children, who wants to raise her children with their father, and who wants to avoid STDs and medical complications, should remain abstinent until marriage.

Take Care of Yourself First

To take care of the man in your life, you need to take care of yourself first. How could you take care of him, if you are falling apart yourself? There's no way.

Let's face it: if you're not happy, then nobody's happy.
Here are some ways you can put yourself in a good mood for him:

1. When you wake up, get out of bed. This is crucial. Sleeping in will make you groggy and restless all day. Don't worry if you don't think you got enough sleep. If you are tired when you wake up, you probably need to go to bed earlier. Getting up when you are still tired will make you more tired at the end of the day.

2. Have a routine. As soon as you get up in the morning, do the same thing every day. Brush your teeth and eat or drink something. Do something that doesn't involve a screen. Read, start cooking breakfast, write, clean, or spend some time organizing. Get your mind and eyes working first.

3. Small amounts of highly nutritious foods are better than large amounts of carbs and vegetables. Eating small amounts of food will help reduce bloating, keeping you comfortable and active. Some highly nutritious foods are: eggs, high-fat beef and steak cuts, liver, bone broth, tallow, butter, kefir, raw cheese. (If you are sensitive to dairy products, consider cutting these out.)
Pay careful attention to food quality when purchasing in order to find food that is most nutritious. Source locally if possible. Otherwise, look for these labels: grain-free, corn-free, soy-free, grass-fed cows, no antibiotics, no added hormones, organic, non-GMO. Food Co-ops and independent grocers or butchers can be a good option. Egg yolks should be amber or orange. Grass-fed beef fat should be yellow.

4. Cook all meals at home. You will feel better.

5. Exercise every day. Find something you like, so it will not feel like a chore. Buy a membership somewhere, and use it as an excuse to get out of the house. Go with a friend, or

stay accountable to yourself.

6. Adjust the lighting in your home. Do not turn on harsh overhead lights before the sun comes up, or keep them on after the sun goes down. Make use of lamps, candles, task lighting, fairy lights, or red-color lights for utility and to set the mood. If you close you window blinds at night, open them during the day.

7. Do not wear heavy makeup. A light skin moisturizer and chapstick or tinted lip stick will let your natural beauty shine without clogging your pores.

8. Get dressed in the morning. Getting dressed is the best way to feel more productive. A knee-length skirt or dress will help you feel relaxed and feminine. The skirt should cover the knee when sitting, for the sake of modesty. Look for materials that hold shape, rather than ones that cling to the body, so it does not restrict your movement.

9. Keep the corners of your mouth lifted, and your forehead smooth. Do not allow your face to fall, or become tense. This simple trick will instantly transform your mood.

10. Turn off electronics at night. Do not leave anything plugged in that can be unplugged. Charging your phone overnight will destroy the battery. Especially, do not bring electronics into the bedroom. Read or write before bed to calm your mind.

11. Brush and comb your hair at least twice per day. A real boar bristle brush will help move oil from the scalp down to the hair ends. A good brushing practice will keep hair soft and shiny. If oil starts to build up, rinse your hair under water. Massage the scalp well to remove build-up. Washing methods which strip the hairs' natural oil should be used sparingly.

12. Let your body cool overnight. Turning off the house heat can save on your electric bill, and help you sleep more deeply. Opening a bedroom window is a good way to let in a draft. Going from a cold bed to a hot shower, or from a hot shower to a cold bed is especially relaxing for the muscles.

Changing these little habits can totally change your attitude and make you a better wife, mother, and woman. If you are happy and well-taken care of, then you will be a help and joy to your family.

Control Your Emotions

A woman should control her emotions. And she can.

In five steps:

1. Acknowledge how you feel. It is impossible to control emotions by ignoring them.

2. Consider whether the emotion is justifiable. Ask:
-Do I know the source of the emotion?
-Why have I encountered the source of this emotion now?
-Can I resolve the emotion (move away from the source)?

3. If any of these questions can be rationally answered, then the emotion may be justified, and immediate steps should be taken to resolve the emotion. Recognize that actions which do not immediately resolve the emotion will be ineffectual until the emotion is resolved.

4. If none of these questions can be answered, then the emotion is unjustified. It does not make rational sense to feel that way. Disregard the emotion.

5. Continue processing all feelings with these steps. Recognize that there is a right and wrong emotional response, and strive to bring the emotional response into alignment with rationality at all times.

A justified emotion is one which correctly identifies something which may be harmful in the environment (or in the body, in the case of emotional need). It is right to feel these emotions, as they indicate something relevant or important about the environment or the body. These are an aid to rationality.

Unjustified emotions do not indicate anything useful. They may be a conditioned response to something which in reality poses no threat. Thus, they are irrational. There is no resolution, and continuing to feel that emotion will only strengthen incorrect emotional pathways in the mind. Irrational emotion should never control the woman. A woman has the power to never let her emotions control her, if she wills it.

How to Recognize a Man of God

I know the Men of God by their Anger
It is like the Wrath of God
It is Anger inspired by Disgust
For Everything Evil, Vile, and Disgusting
It is Righteous
It is a Desire to End
To Destroy
To Make Things Right
To Purge
To Cleanse
To Purify

God is Perfect and Clean
In Him is no Darkness at all
His Light Shining as the sun
Burns Everything it Touches
So that nothing that is not Light can survive
Every Evil deed has its Justice
None can escape the Wrath of God

In an Evil World, the Men of God are Angry

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I know the Man of God by his Love
It is Righteous
For he loves everything that is Good and hates everything that is Evil

So his love is a Reward
A reminder
A calling
A yearning
A wanting
Unending
Precious

God himself is Love
and his light shines though the Man that loves him
Never earned, but always granted.

Even a good woman does not deserve it

His Love is an Example

Let Him Be Your Example

He is the Man that you admire above all others
Why else have you chosen to spend your life with him?

You look up to him in so many ways
You admire his strength
You seek him for protection
He is the man you call lord
His love is a gift which you cherish
He works so hard to provide for you
He does not avoid the work that is difficult, rather he seeks it out
He has a Spirit of peace and joy which shines through him
He is a refuge after a long day

Let Him be an example for you
Let Him be your strength
Turn to Him for protection
Do not fail to call him Lord
Let Love pour out of you
Work hard to please Him
Do the work that is difficult, and do not shy away
Let the Spirit of peace and joy also reside in you
Make his home a refuge for him

What Inspires Him to do the things He does?
No other force but Love
So let Love be a force for you

There is No Authority Except That Which You Are Subject To

None can have authority over you unless you subject yourself to it.
You have free will.
It is always a choice to obey.

None can take power from you except that which you grant.
There is no rule except that which you follow.
There is no covenant that you have not agreed to.

Nothing can exist in word only.
What is physical is what is real.

You were made a free human being.

When you were born, none governed over you,
Except for the higher authority of God.

Threats disappear as the breath.
The past is forgotten.
Hope lies ahead.
Wounds heal.
Pain dies.

There is no fear except when you feel it.
There is no sorrow except when you cry.
There is no garden where none is planted.
There is no love where it is rejected.

There is no future except that which you decide.
Always remember: you always have choice.

The Problem with Face Masks

There is a religious problem with face masks: Are they modest or perverse?

There is the legal problem of face masks: What can a government mandate?

There is the political problem of face masks: What are my rights as the citizen of said government?

There is the civil problem: Will your decision put me at risk?

There is even the scientific problem: Do face masks effectively protect against some danger?

And there is a temptation to jump into each of these debates whenever the problem of face masks arises.

But all these questions fail to touch on the primary problem with face masks: the philosophical.

Face masks, by necessity, cover the lower half of a person's face, including the nose and mouth. When one considers that humans communicate a substantial amount of non-verbal information through facial expressions made with the lower face, then the true problem of face masks becomes apparent: they dehumanize us.

See, the reasons that are given to justify wearing a mask fail to change to appearance of it. As long as the appearance is the same, then so is the dehumanization.

When our facial expressions are hidden, we become separated, unable to express ourselves fully. Without full expression, it is not possible to know one another.

If this is true, then a government that forcibly requires the covering of its populace, or any segment of it, succeeds in dehumanizing that people, for as long as those people do not throw off such a requirement.

After all, what really is the problem with face masks: the system of belief that underlies the decision – or the fact that you cannot see a woman's lips?

The Thing About Truth

I think things are true in the physical world.
I also think certain things are literally true.
And I thinks some things are true that are literal and not physical.
And some things are true in the physical that are not literally true.
And I think some things are true metaphorically that are neither physical nor literal.
And I think some things are true symbolically.
And I think the symbolic is not always metaphorical.

But I think all of these things are their own type of Truth.

What is True is what is True in the Objective or the subjective.
Because Truth also has these two types.
And all the things that are true are within them.

And Everything that is True is God.

As it says,

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

Physical Reality

To the Woman's observation, physical truth seems most at hand.

She judges Physical Reality in a number of ways. First, by the light, and by the relative shades of light and darkness. Next, by color. For every object absorbs some wave length and reflects another. By these and Depth Perception, a judgment as to the Shape of Reality is made.

She can also judge whether the shape of reality is beautiful or ugly to her.

This judgement of the Physical is made by the function of her eyes only, but to further judge the Physical Reality, other mechanisms will be employed.

The second category by which She judges Physical Reality is by Feeling,

Feeling is felt (as in the sensation of touching the physical reality) but is also felt by the Emotional State of the mind.

We will return to this later to instead now consider the third category of judgement: Body Image, which is more directly informed by her senses.

First, a definition:

The Body Image is an image of the body held in the mind which attempts to accurately portray the body and also portrays sensation. It is a necessary function of the mind which aides Decision-making, i.e. movement in the physical. Without an accurate Body image, the mind will fail to operate the body (the state known as consciousness).

She judges a Body Image according to her senses. It is, perhaps primarily, sensed by sight.

When her eye observes the physical reality, She also observes the parts of the body which are in view of her eyes. From this, the shape of her body, in its visible parts, and its relation to the physical world is judged.

It is sensed by touch also. Through the sensation of touch She feels the body itself. It is the sensation of pain in any part of the body. It is also the feelings of the bones and muscles She feels the muscles whether they are tensed or relaxed. The sensation of the bones is only slight, but their position also must be judged according to touch sensation.

The Body Image is primarily judged by these two sensations alone. But She can also use the taste of food to judge relative nutritional deficiencies in her body, whether those foods taste good or bad. This also informs her mind as to the present state of her Body, which is Body Image.

Body Image is only useful when it is constantly being updated by new judgement. As the Body is in constant motion, only the Body Image which accurately corresponds to her body in the present is useful to guide Decision.

Understanding Body Image, we return to the last category of Reality, which She must judge; Feeling.

As stated, She judges Feeling through the physical sensation of Reality, which is touch.
This feeling can also be used to inform her mind of the reality's shape, (as by touching an object the shape of that object can become known) but is only a minor contribution compared to sight for that purpose.

She judges the feeling of Reality as to be soft or hard; comfortable or uncomfortable.

The feeling of Reality is also a feeling of Emotion. As such, She judges her Emotional state as an aspect of Reality.

But this is Obvious when One considers that it is impossible to know the Feeling of Reality without also knowing how one Feels.

So how will She judge her Emotional state?

For it is (not a feeling of her body but) known to her mind. For it is in her mind that Emotion is held. It seems that Emotion can be judged, by one asking herself, "How am I feeling?", at which point an answer can be made known.

By the Feeling of Emotion, She can judge other certain aspects of Reality.

She can judge whether something in the environment induces anxiety, and if that thing is accurately a threat.

She can judge whether there is some need in her body. This can be judged by the feeling of desire which is felt by her.

She can judge the engagement of her mind. (This is a judgment of how interesting the environment is. Her mind is highly engaged when it judges reality with frequency and accuracy.) Engagement with physical reality is accompanied by a heightened feeling of happiness and purpose. Difficult tasks and higher order thinking result in higher engagement.

Other feelings of emotion may inform other judgements about Reality.

All of these three (Shape, Body Image, and Feeling) are used to judge the truth of Physical Reality. But it is recognized that the truth according to this judgment is subjective, since the things are observed only to Her. And there is necessarily a physical reality outside of herself which has a truth that She does not know. Although She observes the very same reality that exists through that judgement, which is subjective. The truth that is not know to Her is (called) the Objective truth of the physical. It is not known to Human perception, although in cases, the subjective and objective truth may seem to be the same. Objective Truth is known to God. And Physical Reality is the physical aspect of Objective Truth, since it exists and is real, and all things which exist and are real, and all things which are true, are part of the Objective Truth.

It can be assumed all things which physically exist (that is, which have a solid presence in four dimensions), are in Physical Reality.

Through observation of God, certain things may be revealed to Human Understanding, but these are also subjective. God has not given Man nor Woman the power to observe the Objective Truth directly in the physical state. In this way, the soul is limited by the mind and body, since the soul's attachment to these two is a filter to the soul's direct observation.

But by the mind and body, the soul is also able to observe, or rather judge, the subjective truth of Reality.

Model of Local Government

Every city should have equal authority in the world.
Thus every person has equal authority.
Every man has authority against every other.
And the woman has the authority that she possesses also.
It follows that every family has authority against every family.
And every state against every state.

The Liberties of these people will not be restricted.
They have Freedom of Belief
protected by Freedom of Speech.
Each man has his weapon, as a means to protect his own authority.
Therefore no tyrant rules over him.
And they have freedom of trade, selling what is done by their own labor and exchanging it for the thing that is not.

In this society, evil is punished.
The wicked are put away.
The Justice of God has full Power.
And all wrongs are avenged.

And the Men of God are alive there.

And the Women of God love them.

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